

What is claimed is:

1. An ornamental bunting, comprising:

a length of fabric folded to form a plurality of pleats; and

a clamp compressively holding one end of each of the pleats together so that the opposite end of each of the pleats can be fanned out relative to the clamp.

2. The ornamental bunting according to claim 1, wherein the clamp comprises a crimping member having a pair of wings each having a row of teeth, the crimping member being operable upon application of an inwardly compressive force to substantially permanently deform from an open position to a closed position in which the rows of teeth are brought in close proximity to one another to maintain an end of the length of fabric in a gathered condition between the rows of teeth.

3. The ornamental bunting according to claim 2, wherein the crimping member further comprises a valley formed lengthwise along a top of the crimping member.

4. An ornamental bunting according to claim 2, wherein the crimping member further comprises a hanger hole.

5. An ornamental bunting according to claim 4, wherein the hanger hole is formed in a hanger hole extension having a hole formed therein, the hanger hole extension being formed of a same piece of metal as the crimping member at an end thereof.

6. An ornamental bunting according to claim 2, wherein the length of fabric has first and second lateral edges extending outwardly from the crimping member; and a plurality of spaced-apart holes, each having an associated grommet, are formed along each of the first and second edges, the plurality of holes and associated grommets being operable to receive fasteners for mounting the bunting to a surface.

7. An ornamental bunting, the bunting comprising:

a length of fabric folded to form a plurality of pleats; and

means for compressively securing one end of the length of fabric in a gathered condition.

8. An ornamental bunting according to claim 7, wherein the means for compressively securing comprises a pair of wings each having a row of teeth, the means for compressively securing being operable upon application of an inwardly compressive force to substantially permanently deform from an open position to a closed position in which the rows of teeth are brought in proximity to one another to maintain an end of the length of fabric in a gathered condition between the rows of teeth.

9. A clamp for holding together fabric pleats of a length of fabric, the clamp comprising a pair of wings each having a row of teeth, the clamp being operable upon application of an inwardly compressive force to substantially permanently deform from an open position to a closed position in which the rows of teeth are brought in proximity to one another to maintain an end of the length of fabric in a gathered condition between the rows of teeth.

10. The clamp according to claim 9, wherein the clamp further comprises a valley formed lengthwise along a top of the clamp.
11. The clamp according to claim 9, wherein the clamp further comprises a hanger hole.
12. The clamp according to claim 11, wherein the hanger hole is formed in a hanger hole extension having a hole formed therein, the hanger hole extension being formed of a same piece of metal as the crimping member at an end thereof.